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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegations of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal conspiracy against Sri Maturi Sriram Prasad, P&E Inspector, Giddalur and (11) other P&E officials for their involvement in the Liquor Syndicate case of Prakasam District – Accused Officer placed on their defence before the Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings – TDP framed charges – TDP Repealed – Case entrusted to Commissionerate of Inquiries – Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries – Appointed as Inquiring Authority – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.413

<u>Dated:28.04.2023</u> Read the following:-

- 1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.24/RCO-NPK/2012, Dated:12-01-2012
- 2. Govt. Memo.No.46422/VIG.IV(2)/2012-1, dated:16-01-2013.
- 3. Govt. Memo.No.46422/VIG.IV(2)/2012-1, dated:29-06-2013.
- 4. Act 29 of 2022 to repeal the Andhra Pradesh civil services (Disciplinary Proceedings Tribunal) Act, 1960 and to provide for Matters connected therewith or incidental thereto published in AP Gazette, Part-IV-B Extraordinary No.29, Amaravati, dt:22.12.2022.
- 5. G.O.Ms.No.98, G.A. (Ser.E) Department, dt:18.08.2022.
- U.O.Note.No.1878240/GAD/COI-R/2022-8,GA(COI)Dept., dt:17.02.2023.

ORDER:

Whereas the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau in his (final report) Lr.Rc.No.24/RCO-NPK/2012, Dated:12-11-2012 (Cr.No.03/RCO-NPK/2012)vide reference 1st read above, in respect of Prakasam District Liquor Syndicate case, reported that on the allegations of criminal misconduct and criminal conspiracy against Sri Maturi Sriram Prasad, P&E Inspector, Giddalur and (13) other P&E officials and recommended to place them on their defense before TDP. After following due procedure, the Government have entrusted their cases to Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings. The TDP has framed charges against charged officers.

- 2. Whereas, Sri P.V.Ramanajah, Retired Proh. & Excise Inspector and Sri Talari Adam, Prohibition & Excise Head Constable (Retd) have fled writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court challenging disciplinary proceeding issued by TDP. The Hon'ble High Court has passed orders. The Government have implemented the orders of Hon'ble High Court and sanctioned pensionary benefits to the above individuals.
- 3. Whereas certain Charged officers including Smt.V.Anasuya Devi, Asst.Commissioner, Ongole one of the charged officers have fled writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court for challenging disciplinary proceedings initiated against them and same are pending with the Hon'ble High Court. In this regard, the GP for Service-I, APHC vide his letter dated 24.02.2023 has informed that the mentioned writ petitions came up for hearing on 24.02.2023 and directed to conclude the inquiries within 6 months, otherwise the charges will be quashed.

- 4. And whereas, in the Act 4th read above, it was ordered that "the Tribunal constituted under the repealed Act shall stand abolished and all cases pending before the said Tribunal for Disciplinary proceedings on the said date shall stand transferred to the Commissionerate of Inquiries (COI) to continue the pending proceedings and shall be disposed of by it in accordance with the statutory rules governing conduct of the disciplinary proceedings in due compliance with principles of natural justice"
- 5. Whereas the Government have issued orders of procedure in respect of the cases pending before the TDP and allotted/transferred the same to the Commissioner of Inquiries vide reference 5^{th} read above.
- 6. Accordingly, the above case of Sri Maturi Sriram Prasad, P&E Inspector, Giddalur and (13) other P&E officials, Guntur District has been allotted/entrusted to Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, COI, Commissioner of Inquiries, to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers, vide reference $6^{\rm th}$ read above.
- 7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby place the remaining charged officers given below, on their defence before the Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry into the charge framed against them for their involvement in the liquor syndicate case of Prakasam District:

| SI. No. | Name of the Accused Officer Sarvasri | Designation | Place | A.O. No. | TEC No. |
|------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|
| 1 | Maturi Sriram Prasad | P&E Inspector | Giddalur | 5 | 548/2013 |
| 2 | Smt V.Anasuya Devi | Asst. Commissioner | Ongole | 7 | 549/2013 |
| 3 | A.Chandra Sekhar Naidu | Dy.Commissioner | Prakasam | 8 | 550/2013 |
| 4 | Dr.V.Radhaiah | P&E Superintendent | Ongole | 9 | 551/2013 |
| 5 | N.Ananda Raju | Asst. P&E Superintendent | Ongole | 11 | 552/2013 |
| 6 | DSR Chandra Murthy | P&E Sub Inspector | Singarayak onda | 12 | 553/2013 |
| 7 | Smt P.Anantha Lakhmi | P&E Inspector,IML Dept | Ongole | 14 | 555/2013 |
| 8 | Dalayi Babu Rajendra | P&E Inspector, IML Dept | Ongole | 15 | 556/2013 |
| 9 | A Madhu Sudhana Rao | P&E Constable | Ongole | 26 | 01/2016 |
| 10 | M.Prasad | P&E Constable | Ongole | 28 | 03/2016 |
| 11 | Ch.Hari Narayana | P&E Constable | Ongole | 29 | 04/2016 |
| 12 | D Hanuma Reddy | Asst.Stores Officer, IML Depot | Ongole | 30 | 05/2016 |

8. Now, therefore the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules,1991, hereby appoint Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, as Inquiry Officer to enquire into the charges framed against charged officers mentioned at para 7 above, for their

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involvement in Liquor Syndicate case of Prakasam District and he is directed to complete the enquiry expeditiously and to furnish the inquiry report to the Government within 4 months (Keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petitions filed by certain charged officers) to enable the Government to take further action and pass final orders in the matter within the stipulated time as observed by the Hon'ble High Court.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. RAJAT BHARGAVA SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Manish Kumar Sinha, IPS, Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, AP Secretariat (with enclosures i.e the record of the case which received from the TDP).

Copy to:

Sri Maturi Sriram Prasad, P&E Inspector, Giddalur and (11) other P&E officials, Prakasham District (Through the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)

The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi, Guntur District.

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The General Administration (COI) Department, A.P.Secretariat, Velgapudu, Guntur District.

The GP for Services-1, APHC, Amaravathi

Sri Ithabathila naga Malleswara Rao, Panel Advocate and Presenting officer. SF / SC.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER